

YEAR 2 UPDATE

Rocket League

The Rocket League continues to succeed because it offers more than a series of races - it provides a welcoming, high-quality introduction to orienteering for people of all ages. By combining fast-paced urban events, a strong social atmosphere and courses for complete beginners through to experienced competitors. The links we have established with running clubs and local schools have brought many new junior participants and families into the sport, while the series has also encouraged repeat attendance and club membership.

Cockermouth Schools Project

Our Cockermouth Schools Project is evolving from a simple introduction to orienteering into a sustainable development programme. By working closely with local primary schools, we are creating a clear pathway that begins with curriculum-based sessions, progresses through inter-school competition and the Rocket League, and will hopefully lead into regular club participation. We are strengthening links with teachers and parents to build lasting relationships that will support participation for many years to come. This will help to grow the sport in a structured and sustainable way.

NEW PROJECTS FOR 2026/2027

Schools Programme

- expand delivery (include Eaglesfield Paddle in the Cockermouth project)
- create a dedicated schools coaching team
- improve consistency
- create lesson resources

Keswick Hub Project

- Launch the Keswick Hub as a new centre for orienteering.
- Build partnerships with schools and community groups.
- Introduce new families to WCOC activities.
- Create a pathway into WCOC and the Rocket League.

British Schools Orienteering Championship

- Support a representative Cockermouth Primary Schools team.
- Schools will compete individually with WCOC support (including travel).
- Provide a first national competition experience.
- Inspire pupils to continue in orienteering.

Wild Cats Youth Development Squad

- Launch WCOC's new junior development squad.
- Deliver monthly coaching and training sessions.
- Build confidence and technical skills.
- Develop future regional and national competitors.

Young Coach Programme

- Recruit young adult assistant coaches.
- Provide mentoring and practical experience.
- Support coaching qualifications.
- Develop the next generation of volunteers.

NEW PROJECTS FOR 2026/2027

Schools Delivery Team

- Develop a dedicated schools coaching team.
- Develop shared lesson resources.
- Increase school delivery capacity.
- Create a sustainable coaching model.

Rocket League Participation Survey

- Gather participant feedback.
- Understand barriers to participation.
- Improve future Rocket League events.
- Measure long-term project impact.

